

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 19, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. (Immediately following the Council's Executive Session).

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council Members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 2014-18:

Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing on the additional appropriations. Pavey asked for questions or concerns from the public. There were none. Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Thanked John McCane and Carolyn Buzendahl for their work on the Premise of Place Award.
2. This past weekend the FIT kickoff took place at the fairgrounds. The Boys and Girls Club held their fund raising event; Riverside Park held another concert. The Lykins Golf Outing for Amanda Wainwright was also held on Saturday.
3. Encouraged everyone to attend the Fire Department vs. the Police Department softball game this Sunday at noon.
4. You may have heard that the Street and Park Departments have merged. However, it is more of a coordinating of employees to be more efficient.
5. I am assembling notes on the City retreat.
6. Met with Wilbur Hoeing regarding the levee. I will meet next week with DLZ.
7. I am having conversations with Bennett & Bennett regarding the drainage on the south end of their property.
8. The paving projects on 15th Street and the section of Water Street have been completed. The other side of water will be paved by the State.

9. Received a response in regard to the compaction question for the North Industrial Park.
10. The completion of 16th Street should be complete by the end of September. They hope to have Spencer Street at 100 N open at the end of the week. We are working to coordinate the sidewalk lighting.
11. Due to the poor condition of the building, we will take down the old FOP building, reframe it and start over from scratch.
12. We are asking for a report from Jim Freeman on how we stand with the ambulance now that we have numbers to compare.
13. Three people have been banned from the parks due to an incident at Riverside Park.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copley asked for 3 volunteers to approve the claims on Friday. Bridges, Conner, and Berkemeier volunteered.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said the Boys and Girls Club event was fairly well attended. They received good feedback.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The last concert will be September 20th.
- **Comprehensive Plan** – We are working on the final division reports. Rough drafts are being sent out.
- **Marketing** – We are working on the final drafts.
- **Trash Sub Committee** – The program has been well received. There has been a good deal of recycling interest. Smith said he would be interested to see how much we save with the trash being dry since it is not being exposed to the weather.
- **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – The committee met yesterday. We have a couple of areas for council to look at and make a decision on how to proceed.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – We have not waived on the hog barn issue. Currently it is considered a transfer site. Inspections determine it is a stock yard. The City was asked if we were willing to change the zoning. Pavey said "No".

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Pavey said the Police and Fire Chief's did the ALS challenge.

Fire – Chief Jenkins distributed monthly and year to date reports.

Jenkins said he and Munson have been attending regional meetings that have been very informative.

Conner asked if there has been any word regarding a light at 2nd and Main Streets. Jenkins said he didn't think the State would approve a light.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Bridges asked when 52 would open. Pavey said they are saying by Labor Day, but he wasn't sure they would make that timeframe. The contract says it has to be done by the end of November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Termination of Deed Restrictions** – The paperwork is in the Mayor's hands.
2. **Ordinance 2014-18 Additional Appropriations** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-18. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Trash Ordinance 2014-16** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Trash Ordinance 2014-16. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2014-14 Campaign Quarters** – Chuck Heintzelman requested a 10 year tax abatement for the former Army Navy Building and the Durbin Hotel. Bridges asked if anything was in place restricting them to appeal taxes down the road. Heintzelman said there was not. After lengthy discussion Berkemeier volunteered to meet with the Assessor to negotiate an assessed value acceptable to both parties. Smith made a motion to table the matter for Campaign Quarters and Campaign Flats until October 7th. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2014-15 Campaign Flats** – Tabled until October 7th.
3. **Resolution 2014-16 Adoption of City's Property Redevelopment Program** – Eric Frye said this involves two types of properties and ways to revitalize or demolish the property. After discussion it was decided that some areas in the program need to be tighten up.
4. **Resolution 2014-17 Blighted Property Elimination** – Pavey said we need uniform communication so we are on the same page. We have approximately 10 properties that will be eligible. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-17. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance 2014-19 Abandoned and Vacant Buildings** – Shelly Wakefield said this allows the City to regulate abandoned and vacant buildings. They will need to register and pay a fee. The purpose is to encourage owners to maintain their buildings.

6. **Ordinance 2014-20 Flood Hazard Area** – Wakefield said this was reviewed by DNR and they had a couple of questions and have given options. She said this cannot become effective until DNR approves the new map after the 1st of the year.
7. **Ordinance 2014-14 Building Code Ordinance** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-14. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Property Acquisition Parcel 701105103003000011** – Smith made a motion to approve the property acquisition. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: McCane presented information on the retention ponds at the North Industrial Park.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.